24th February 1930]

Appointment of Honorary Physicians and Surgeons to district headquarter hospitals.

*1502 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state, with reference to G.O. No. 1373, P.H., dated 31st May 1929, the district headquarter hospitals to which the system of Honorary Surgeons and Physicians has been extended together with the date from which it came into actual operation and the reasons for the delay in bringing the system into operation in the remaining hospitals, if any?

A.—A statement [a] furnishing the information required is laid on the table.

Public Health

Issue of vaccines from the King Institute, Guindy.

*1503 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the rates at which vaccines and anti-vaccines are sold to private and public medical institutions from the King Institute at Guindy;

(b) whether any concessions are made to charitable institutions in the rates of sale;

(c) whether there have been complaints that the rates of sale are excessive; and

(d) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to reduce the rates, especially in the case of charitable institutions?

A.—(a) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to 'vaccines' and auto-vaccines. A list [b] showing the rates at which vaccines and auto-vaccines are sold from the King Institute, Guindy, is placed on the table.

(b) (c) & (d) No.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I enquire whether the Government are disposed to grant any concessions to charitable institutions in regard to the prices of medicines?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"If any application is received the matter will be considered each case on its merits."

Agriculture

Establishment of regulated markets for the sale of special crops.

*1504 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the stage which the Bill proposed to be introduced by Government for establishing properly regulated markets for the sale of special crops has reached?

A.—The Bill is under the consideration of Government.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on page 156 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix XIII on pages 156-157 infra.